

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6, 7, 10, 11-13 and add new claims 14-21 as follows:

1. (Original) A capsule (1) used to prepare an infused beverage, characterised in that it comprises a first container (6) made of a substantially flexible material and containing a powdered infusion substance (MI), and a second container (2), attached to the first container (6), made of a substantially rigid material and containing a powdered soluble substance (MS).

2. (Original) The capsule according to claim 1, characterised in that the flexible first container (6) is attached to the rigid second container (2) by heat sealing.

3. (Original) The capsule according to claim 1, characterised in that the flexible first container (6) is attached to the rigid second container (2) by gluing.

4. (Original) The capsule according to claim 1, characterised in that the flexible first container (6) is attached to the rigid second container (2) by ultrasound sealing.

5. (Original) The capsule according to any of the foregoing claims from 1 to 4, characterised in that at least the top of it is covered by a sheet (10) of protective material.

6. (Currently Amended) The capsule according to any of the foregoing claims from 1 to ~~[[5]]~~ 4, characterised in that the flexible first container (6) comprises a pod (6) made of filter paper or other similar filter material.

7. (Currently Amended) The capsule according to any of the foregoing claims from 1 to ~~[[6]]~~ 4, characterised in that the rigid second container (2) comprises a cartridge (2) made of a food safe plastic material.

8. (Original) The capsule according to claim 7, characterised in that the bottom surface (3) of the cartridge (2) has a hole (4) in it, covered by a seal (5) of suitable material designed to be pierced or removed.

9. (Original) The capsule according to claim 8, characterised in that the seal (5) constitutes a portion of the bottom surface (3) of the cartridge (2).

10. (Currently Amended) The capsule according to claim 8 ~~claims 6 and 7 or 8, or 9~~, characterised in that the rigid second container (2) comprises a cartridge (2) made of a food safe plastic material; the seal (5) constitutes a portion of the bottom surface (3) of the cartridge (2); and the pod (6) of filter paper has an annular outer edge (8) fixed to a matching annular protuberance (9) on the plastic cartridge (2), at the top (7) of the cartridge (2) itself.

11. (Currently Amended) The capsule according to ~~claims 5 and~~ claim 10, characterised in that the sheet (10) of protective cover material is removably placed over the top of the filter paper pod (6); the sheet (10) being fixed to the edge of the outer protuberance (9) of the cartridge (2).

12. (Currently Amended) The capsule according to claim 1 ~~any of the foregoing claims from 1 to 11~~, characterised in that the infusion substance (MI) comprises powdered coffee.

13. (Currently Amended) The capsule according to claim 1 ~~any of the foregoing claims from 1 to 12~~, characterised in that the soluble substance (MS) comprises powdered milk and/or creamer and similar soluble substances.

14. (New) The capsule according to claim 5, characterised in that the flexible first container (6) comprises a pod (6) made of filter paper or other similar filter material.

15. (New) The capsule according to claim 5, characterised in that the rigid second container (2) comprises a cartridge (2) made of a food safe plastic material.

16. (New) The capsule according to claim 6, characterised in that the rigid second container (2) comprises a cartridge (2) made of a food safe plastic material.

17. (New) The capsule according to claim 15, characterised in that the bottom surface (3) of the cartridge (2) has a hole (4) in it, covered by a seal (5) of suitable material designed to be pierced or removed.

18. (New) The capsule according to claim 16, characterised in that the bottom surface (3) of the cartridge (2) has a hole (4) in it, covered by a seal (5) of suitable material designed to be pierced or removed.

19. (New) The capsule according to claim 17, characterised in that the seal (5) constitutes a portion of the bottom surface (3) of the cartridge (2).

20. (New) The capsule according to claim 18, characterised in that the seal (5) constitutes a portion of the bottom surface (3) of the cartridge (2).

21. (New) The capsule according to claim 9, characterised in that the rigid second container (2) comprises a cartridge (2) made of a food safe plastic material; the seal (5) constitutes a portion of the bottom surface (3) of the cartridge (2); and the pod (6) of filter paper has an annular outer edge (8) fixed to a matching annular protuberance (9) on the plastic cartridge (2), at the top (7) of the cartridge (2) itself.